

**IRBY**

Once in royal David's city

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harmonised by A.H. Mann (1850 - 1929),  
arranged by Paul Walton

Verses 1 - 2

The musical score is presented in three systems, each labeled 'Voices' on the left. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers measures 1-4, the second system covers measures 5-8, and the third system covers measures 9-12. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

*solo treble  
unaccompanied*

1. Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that Mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

*choir only  
unaccompanied*

2. He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall:  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Verse 3

Trumpet 1 in B $\flat$  *f*

Trumpet 2 in B $\flat$  *f*

Trumpet 3 in B $\flat$  *f*

Trombone 1 *f*

Trombone 2 *f*

Trombone 3 *f*

Tuba *f*  
tuba optional in verse 3

Voices & Organ

And through all his won - drous\_ child - hood He would ho - nour and\_ o - bey, Love and  
Day by day like us\_ he\_ grew, He was

Verse 6

Trumpet 1 in B $\flat$   
Trumpet 2 in B $\flat$   
Trumpet 3 in B $\flat$   
Trombone 1  
Trombone 2  
Trombone 3  
Tuba  
Timpani  
Descant  
Tune  
Organ

*mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *f* *f*

G, D *tr*

Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en stand - ing

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Tpt 1 *ff* *f*

Tpt 2 *ff* *f*

Tpt 3 *ff* *f*

Tbn 1 *ff* *f*

Tbn 2 *ff* *f*

Tbn 3 *ff* *f*

Tba. *ff* *f*

Timp. *tr* *ff* G, C

Desc. by, We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on

Tune by, We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on

Org.

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Tpt 1 *ff* *f* < *ff*

Tpt 2 *ff* *f* < *ff*

Tpt 3 *ff* *f* < *ff*

Tbn 1 *ff* *f* < *ff*

Tbn 2 *ff* *f* < *ff* (b)

Tbn 3 *ff* *f* < *ff*

Tba. *ff* *f* < *ff*

Timp. *f* < *ff* *f* < *ff*

Desc. high; Where like stars his chil-dren crowned, All in white shall wait a - round.

Tune high; Where like stars his chil-dren crowned, All in white shall wait a - round.

Org.